

6.1.3 - URBANIZATION

Analyze the changing urban and rural landscape by examining the location and expansion of major urban centers, the growth of cities linked by industry and trade, the development of cities divided by race, ethnicity, and class, resulting tensions among and within groups, and different perspectives about immigrant experiences in the urban setting.

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Whether you realize it or not, if it weren't for urbanization, many of us may not be in America and America would definitely not be as large as it is today. Many contributions to this include the topics of industry and trade as well as the development of cities. The different perspectives about immigration and its experiences in the urban setting ended as the ultimate result. Because of all the following contributions, the differences in race, ethnicity, and class, we were given America.

The first of the many contributions, industry is perhaps the main reason urbanization, in my opinion, was so successful. Industries allowed for new jobs and industries have a lot of positions to fill. With many people in search for jobs, industries seemed like a position they could fill. Even if they couldn't, they would need the jobs badly enough and take them. A lot of the past and present necessities were contained within their production regions as well. This meant that if you really wanted a product, you could possibly have to be in the production zone to get the best, most efficient product and also, have the bragging rights to say that you are the one that got to have the product first. Fashion and the newest gadgets have always been a focus in terms of popularity and respect. Being near trade centers also provided the same opportunities. Foreign products are substantial for much of what we do today and what we did 100 and even 200 years ago. We would not have near as much clothing and food varieties if it weren't for the spread of these products, which leads us into the idea of immigration and its prospectives as well as urbanized immigration experiences.

Immigration is heavily monitored and constantly on the top of the list of concerns dealing with the United States and its already high and continuously growing population. If immigration were not allowed, our customs and way of life would be way different than they are today. We get many of our ideas from immigrants that spread their ideas and customs to us. Who doesn't enjoy tacos? We might not have had any idea what a taco is if it weren't for some kind of connection with the Mexican heritage. We got that connection mainly from immigration. With America's government, many of the Mexican and other foreign nations are attracted to our country, creating more urbanized cities, higher population, and spread of customs. The wide range of diversity, race, and ethnicity brings in many familiar and also curious nations looking for a new beginning from their

home countries. Our tolerance of different cultures is exactly the kind of bait foreign fish bite (cheesy, yes, but it makes for a decent and clear comparison.)

Immigration became an issue that was argued upon with similar intensity as with slavery. Although it spread some new good ideas and customs that most of us would have a hard time functioning with out today, there were those who thought immigration was a major hinderer. As a result of immigration, more jobs were filled, leaving less for American workers who desperately needed jobs. Many people were aware of this trend and since many people, including those who noticed the trend were out of a job, if they were once for immigration, a few were now against immigration. In some instances, the larger urbanized cities would have a large amount of different nationalities as well as customs, making it more difficult to understand what many people wanted. If you were American and had an Arabic or Hispanic cashier at a store, it would difficult to understand them. As Americans, many believe that we should not have to adjust to foreign languages, but they should learn English if they wish to join our country. Large cities are crowded enough as it is, regardless of the migrants and immigrants. If you throw them in the mix, city population increases drastically making it more difficult to get around easily. Some people really enjoyed the variety because it gave them a chance to learn first had what it was like to be of a particular ethnicity. By having different races living all in one community, their customs could be more easily learned and appreciated. There were people that admired that.

Among many other components, immigration and especially urbanization have changed our community an home life more than we may realize. Some Americans enjoy the new customs, while others are more appreciative of our original American style way of life. BEcause of all the different variables contributing to urbanization and the results of urbanization, we as on e nation are much different and diverse from what we may have been if it weren't more the spread of immigration and migration, as well as the spread of urbanization among these parties which makes up much of modern day America's largest cities.